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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)
FY 2006**

(Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)

Application Number	10/784,646-Conf. #8184	Filed	February 23, 2004
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For ARTIFICIAL INTERVERTEBRAL DISC TRIAL HAVING A CONTROLLABLY SEPARABLE DISTAL END

Art Unit	3738	Examiner	B. E. Pellegrino
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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

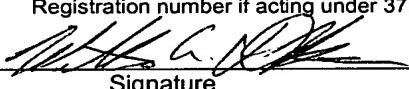
The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

	Fee	Small Entity Fee	
<input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$120	\$60	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$460	\$230	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$1050	\$525	\$ 1,050.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1640	\$820	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$2230	\$1115	\$ _____

- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
- The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 12-1095 I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

- I am the applicant/inventor.
 assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.
 Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).
 attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 58,653
 attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34.
 Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 _____


Signature

November 21, 2007

Date

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Telephone Number

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.

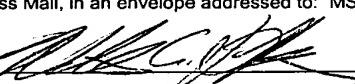
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Dated: November 21, 2007

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(William A. Di Bianca)